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OF THE
REMONSTRANCE
AND
PETITION,
PRESENTED
To the Honourable the House of
COMMONS assembled in PARLIAMENT.

BY
Sir *David Watkins* Knight, Mr. *Shuite*, and others,
(the now principall Designers and managers of the publique Affaires of the Citie) earnestly arguing for no Accomodation, but a vigorous prosecution of the present Warre.

WITH
A Petition of certaine o-
ther CITIZENS of *London*, intended to be presented for Peace.

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TO

The Honourable the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses, of the Commons House of

PARLIAMENT.

The humble Remonstrance and Petition of many of the Citizens of LONDON.

Shewing:

THat ever since the beginning of these present sad distractions which threaten ruines to these flourishing Kingdoms, and indeed ever since the sitting of this present Parliament, they have been ready, out of their Zeale to the cause of GOD, and sence of their duty to this Honourable Assembly, upon all occasions to Contribute, observe, and lay out themselves, in all those wayes, which they did either discerne, or were directed, did tend to the maintenance of that Cause, or were

neceſſary for the defence of the Common ſafety, wherein they have at all times with all cheerfulneſſe and readineſſe, advanced ſuch monies as have bin deſired, (in the whole to very great and vaſt ſummes) and have had leavied and raiſed amongſt them the greateſt number of theſe men, who both firſt formed and now alſo recruted the Army.

By all which they hoped to have ſeene the end of their dangers and removall of their ſeares, by the juſt, ſevere, and exemplary puniſhment of Delinquents, who are the cauſes of all theſe ruining perturbations, and to have bin by this time ſetled in the enjoyment of that happie Peace they have alwayes deſired: But deceived of this hope, they cannot omit humbly to Remonſtrate, that after all this vaſt expenſe, they finde themſelves but little neerer their end, if not more dangerouſly involved, and like enough to keepe theſe inteſtine Warres on foot, till they ſhortly become a prey to a forreigne force, as late diſcoveries give them cauſe to feare.

And however they are very ſenſible of the great Burthen of renued Contributions, both beyond the example of former Times, and their owne expectation of ſuch ſupplies; yet they ſhall with the ſame life and cheerfulneſſe goe on to adventure more; ſo as it may be employed in a more ſpeedy and effectuall proſecution of the Warres, which they humbly conceive would not have bin drawne out to this length, had it not bin for giving eare to thoſe councels of Accommodation, a Propoſition induced by our Enemies to gaine time, which if concluded, they will keepe onely ſo long as to ſerve

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their ends, but the very conclusion of it wholly incomptable, as your Remonstrants humbly conceive, with the Protestation of bringing to condigne punishment these grand Delinquents, and Incendiaries, who have imbroyled our State, and sought to introduce a tyrannie, without whose councell and influence, nothing on that side can be concluded, and as also the ready way to expend and waste their remaining Treasure, and render them thereby wholly unable to defend themselves.

The contemplation of their eminent danger thereby, inforceth them humbly to remonstrate, that if these distructive councels of accommodation bee re-assumed, they shall thinke it necessary to looke to their owne safeties, and forbeare to contribute to their owne ruine; to which onely Accommodation, and not the greatest force of these Enemies of the publique Peace can ever bring them; the motion whereof your Remonstrants beleeve, will be exploded with the greatest indignity by all the good Patriots of your Honourable Assembly, yet humbly desire you will be pleased to publish such a Declaration herein, as shall seeme good to your Wisdomes, whereby not onely the People may be assured, that men misaffected to the Publique may not serve their owne ends, or drive on their particular designes in this distructive Accommodation; but also the Ingeniers of these contrivances may lie under the expectation of a just and heavie censure; if they shall yet dare by such dangerous and unreasonable interpellations, to bereave us of the right and wholesome use of our ad-

vantages and opportunities; by which for the present, besides all other dangerous effects, the Delinquents and Incendiaries are incouraged, with the hope of a good retreat, when they have done their utmost.

The sad effects of this Accommodation appearing at distance, more terrible unto your Remonstrants then the present view of the worst of this unnaturall warre, gives the boldnesse to them, to make this humble addresse to this most Honourable Assembly; withall professing that they are resolved with the utmost expense of Lives, and estates to stand by, assist, mainraine, and execute all your councels, and commands, that shall tend to the vigorous and effectuall prosecution of this warre.

They therefore humbly pray you will be pleased to declare your Sense against this dangerous Accommodation, that being assured of your fixed resolution not to treate with his Majesty, but in Parliament, and divided from his wicked and desperate Councellors, they may with the greater resolution be prepared, to goe on cheerefully in such supplies, as are necessary to bring those Distractions to a happie issue.

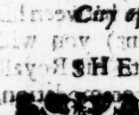
For which they shall ever Pray, &c.

TO

TO THE RIGHT HONOVRABLE THE *LORDS* and *COMMONS* now assembled in the high Court of PARLIAMENT.

The humble Petition of divers Inhabitants of the City of London, *and the Liberties thereof.*

SHEWETH,



That the present sence of our miseries, and apprehension of inevitable ruine both of the Church and Common-wealth, make us to become humble suitors to this Honourable Assembly (the likeliest meanes under God for our relefe) to consider our distressed estates, and to provide a speedy remedy for our present and future evills, earnestly desiring you to weigh the care and Iudgement of our Predecessors, who by a knowne Law, settled and preserved our Protestant Religion, our Liberties, and Properties, with a right understanding betweene King and Subiects, which produced peace and plenty in our Streets.

And to reflect with ſerious thoughts upon our preſent diſtempers, violating Religion by Papiſts and Sectaries, engaging our Nation [illegible] and deſtroying Warres, invading our Lawes and Liberties, eating out all our Lives, and utterly diſinabling us to relieve our diſtreſſed brethren in *Ireland*: We beſeech you likewiſe to conſider the effects of continued Warres, as the deſolation of Chriſtians, the unnaturall effuſion of blood; fathers againſt ſons brothers by brothers, friends by friends ſlaine, then famine and ſickneſſe, the followers of a civill Warre, making way for a generall confuſion, and invaſion by a forraigne Nation, while our Treaſure is exhauſted, our Trade loſt, and the Kingdome diſpeopled. Theſe things weighed and enlarged by your wiſdomes, we doubt not will be ſtrong motives in us to deſire a ſpeedy Peace, and a happy Accommodation.

Wherefore we humbly crave, that (not lending an eare to any fomenters of theſe preſent Warres, under what pretence ſoever, nor remembring ought that may increaſe Iealouſies, or continue diviſions between his Maieſty and his Houſes of Parliament) you will ſpeedily tender his Maieſty (according to his Royall intimations) ſuch Propoſitions for Accommodation, as he may with honour and ſafety to the whole Kingdome accept. For effecting whereof we ſhall be ready to aſſiſt you with the beſt and utmoſt of our abilities, and whileſt you endeavour Peace, We ſhall ſend up our Prayers to heaven for the bleſſing of peace upon you, and all thoſe that deſire it.

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